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REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-10 are pending. Claim 4 was amended to overcome an objection.

Claim 4 was objected to because "CTI" was not written out. Claim 4 has been amended to recite "computer telephony integration," as discussed in the Specification. As such, applicants respectfully submit that the basis for the objection is obviated.

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Ma et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,868,090 ("Ma"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Ma.

As described in the Specification, one aspect of the present invention relates to a telecommunications system that includes a packet network and a feature proxy used for interworking between, e.g., H.323 endpoints and H.323 endpoints that do not support H.450 supplementary services, and that may also include an embedded gatekeeper proxy. The feature proxy may also interwork between H.323 endpoints and non-H.323 endpoints. Thus, claim 1 recites "a feature proxy adapted to receive registrations of said first plurality, said second plurality, and said third plurality of endpoints that maps such registrations to registrations with said gatekeeper and provides feature processing for said first, second, and third plurality of endpoints."

In contrast, Ma merely relates to a service control point 14' that allows interfacing between TCAP on the PSTN and H.450 on the voice frame network (FIG. 6). Ma does not, however, provide for first, second or third endpoints as recited in the claims at issue; nor, indeed, does Ma provide a feature proxy for such endpoints. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.

Claims 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ma in view of Li et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,961,332 ("Li"). Applicants respectfully submit

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that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested or implied by Ma or Li, either singly or in combination. Ma has been discussed above.

Li is relied on merely for allegedly teaching mapping to a single registration in a gatekeeper. With reference to claim 6, applicants notes that this claim is dependent on claim 1, which has been discussed above. Like Ma, Li does not provide the first, second, and third endpoints as recited in the claims at issue; nor does it provide the recited proxy.

With reference to claims 7-10, Claim 7 recites "receiving first registrations of a first plurality of network clients at a feature proxy; receiving second registrations of a second plurality of network clients at said feature proxy; mapping said first registrations to corresponding registrations with a network gatekeeper; and mapping said second registrations to a single corresponding registration with said network gatekeeper."

As discussed above, Ma does not provide a feature server or the recited endpoints. While Li provides a TPS 42, Li does not provide for receiving first and second registrations at a feature proxy or mapping them to a gatekeeper. The TPS 42 apparently handles only devices 44A and 44B, not a first and second plurality. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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